Innovation of the Year Award 2024

Composites applications in the UK and overseas are developing fast. The Industry Association wishes to recognise the investments being made and innovative solutions being developed by companies in the UK.

The Innovation awards aim to:

* Detect, promote and award the most innovative composites solutions from UK companies.
* Encourage and enhance the visibility of companies involved in composite innovation and their partners.

This category of award is open to all companies operating within the composites industry throughout the United Kingdom and includes:

* Suppliers & manufacturers of materials, machinery, consumables and ancillary equipment
* Processors
* Original Equipment Manufacturers

There are three innovation award categories. Please tick which category you wish to enter on the following application form (one only). The categories are:

* Materials
* Composites design
* Manufacture

Some innovations will fit into more than one category – please choose the one most relevant and if our judges feel it would be better suited to another, we contact you to discuss transferring it over.

Judging for this award will take place over the summer of 2024 and all entries must be received by **5pm on 26th July 2024**. The Board of Directors will select a short-list of entries, all of whom will be expected to attend the Awards Dinner at the National Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham, on 30th October where the winner will be announced.

**What do we get if we are shortlisted?**

**Each shortlisted company will receive:**

* A commemorative plaque.
* International press coverage through being part of our press release detailing the shortlisted entries.
* An image which you can use on your email and/or website to show you are shortlisted.
* A ‘spotlight’ feature on our website, newsletter and social media channels detailing your company and entry (signed off by you before it is publicised).
* Inclusion in a dedicated email to our database of 12,000 composites industry professionals promoting your shortlisting with links back to your website.
* Details of your entry included in our digital supplement showcasing shortlisted entries. There will be an option here for you to take a paid for advertisement space.

*Innovation Award Categories only:*

Invitation to speak at a dedicated show floor forum session at the Advanced Engineering Show at the NEC Birmingham on the afternoon of 30th October.

**The winner of each category will additionally receive:**

* A physical award.
* A commemorative plaque.
* Your ‘spotlight’ made a permanent feature on the Composites UK website.
* Included in our social media campaign announcing the winners.
* International press coverage through being part of our press release detailing the winning entries.
* An image which you can use on your email and/or website to show you are a winner.
* A winner’s video on our You Tube channel where you talk in detail about your entry.

Innovation of the Year Award

**Entry Form**

The Innovation Awards are looking to find the most innovative composites solutions that has or will contribute greatly to the future of your company and the industry as a whole.

**Key Criteria**

The entry must be made by one company. You may specify project partners, if applicable, later on the form. In this category a composite innovation is defined as a new composite product or process, or a new application in the composites sector that creates value and meets the following criteria:

* Technical excellence
* Chain of partners
* Market openings
* Benefits for end users
* Originality

**Award Categories**

Please select which of the following categories you would like to enter, note that you can only select one.

Choose an item.

**Company Details**

Company name: Click here to enter text.

Address: Click here to enter text.

Postcode: Click here to enter text.

Phone: Click here to enter text.

Email: Click here to enter text.

Name of nominator: Click here to enter text.

Position in Company: Click here to enter text.

Phone (if different): Click here to enter text.

Email (if different): Click here to enter text.

**About the Company**

**ACTIVITY** (Tick all that apply)

[ ]  Fabricator/manufacturer of composite parts

[ ]  Composite material distributor

[ ]  Manufacturer of composite processing machinery

[ ]  Commercial R&D

[ ]  Academic R&D

[ ]  Public Administration

[ ]  Consultancy

[ ]  Other: Click here to enter text.

**INDUSTRY** (Tick all that apply)

[ ]  Aeronautics

[ ]  Construction and building

[ ]  Environment and recycling

[ ]  Marine

[ ]  Motorsport/automotive

[ ]  Sports and leisure

[ ]  Transportation

[ ]  Wind energy

[ ]  Raw materials

[ ]  Process

[ ]  Other: Click here to enter text.

**Partners**

If your entry is a project with partner companies, please give brief details for each partner involved (please submit on a separate sheet if there are more partners than the form allows).

Company name: Click here to enter text.

Activity: Click here to enter text.

Role in project: Click here to enter text.

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**The Innovation**

Please describe as clearly as possible your innovation against each of the following subheadings. Please attach any relevant supporting evidence or documentation along with your entry form.

Describe your innovation. What makes it original and innovative? Are there any competitive products?

Click here to enter text.

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Describe how your innovation is used by the end-user. What was the industry need the innovation addresses? How will this impact on the market/sector/end-user?

Click here to enter text.

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Describe how the innovation demonstrates cutting-edge technology; how was the innovation phase planned? Did this require specialist skills?

Click here to enter text.

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What is the market potential for your innovation? How much value will it add? What is the long-term market?

Click here to enter text.

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Summarise how the project plan was developed and the role of the partners in its delivery.

Click here to enter text.

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**The Award**

Should you win the award, please tell us what the award should say on it (e.g. your company name as you’d like it displayed or the name of your project). Additional copies of the awards are available to purchase by the winners or project partners after the event at cost.

Click here to enter text.

**You are advised that…**

* You need to make your case in a clear, interesting and persuasive way. The judges will have many entries to assess, so a concise and succinct entry form will be appreciated.
* The judges’ decision is final and if not a winner, special commendations can be awarded.
* If a large number of entries are received, Composites UK reserve the right to divide the entries into company size and have an award for large, medium and small companies.

**Press Information**

Composites UK will wish to maximise the press coverage of these awards and information for the entries is taken from the entry forms. If there are specific information in your entry that is sensitive and should not be published, please make this clear at the time you submit your entry.

**Shortlisting and Dinner Attendance**

Shortlisted companies must have a representative in attendance at the dinner. There will also be an opportunity for a presentation at the Advanced Engineering Show forum on Wednesday 30th October for the Innovation Award nominees.

**Declaration**

I confirm that I have read the entry details and this entry abides by all qualifying criteria.

Signed (initial if completing online): Click here to enter text.

Name of sponsor: Click here to enter text.

Date: Click here to enter text.

**Send your entry to…**

All entries must reach us by **5pm on 26th July 2024**.

Return the completed entry form along with any supporting material to Composites UK.

You can print this form and complete it by hand or fill in the fields using Word and saving/printing a version.

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